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RUWJEBB/SPACE DIVISION LOS ANGELES AFS CA//CV/YV/YG/YK/YO//

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SUBJECT: DEFENSE SUPPORT PROGRAM (DSP) LAUNCH CALL (U).

REFERENCE: (U) CINCAD MSG 211430Z AUG 81, SAME SUBJECT.

1. REFERENCE MSG REQUESTED APPROVAL OF DSP FLIGHT 10 LAUNCH TO REPLACE FLIGHT 8 BECAUSE OF MISSION DEGRADATION.

2. THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE CONCURRED WITH THE AIR FORCE DECISION TO:

A. LAUNCH DSP FLIGHT 10 IN FEBRUARY 1982.

→B. PLACE DEFENSE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (DSCS) IN STORAGE (VICE ON-CALL) UNTIL A LAUNCH DATE CAN BE ESTABLISHED.

C. REVIEW THE ON ORBIT STATUS OF DSP AND DSCS IN MARCH 1982 AND ADVISE THE JCS OF ITS ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO A DECISION TO CONFIGURE THE FIRST TITAN III (34)D/IUS FOR EITHER DSP OR DSCS.

3. THIS MESSAGE AUTHORIZES AFSC TO LAUNCH DSP FLIGHT 10 IN FEBRUARY 1982 AND PLACE DSCS IN STORAGE (VICE ON-CALL) UNTIL A LAUNCH DATE CAN BE ESTABLISHED.

4. SINCE THE AIR FORCE IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE JCS WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF DSP AND DSCS ON-ORBIT STATUS IN MARCH 1982, ADCOM AND AFSC ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A BRIEFING TO SUPPORT A REVIEW BY THE SPACE OPERATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE (SOSC) IN MARCH 1982. THE BRIEFING SHOULD ADDRESS THE ON-ORBIT STATUS OF DSP AND DSCS AND INCLUDE TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC CONSEQUENCES OF DELAYING THE LAUNCH OF EITHER DSP OR DSCS UNTIL MARCH 1983. REVIEW ON 27 OCTOBER 2001.  
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ACTION

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